

Chief, Operations

6 June 1943

Chief, Communications Division

Assignment of Personnel Overseas

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

1. Mr. William B. Balass has been selected by the Communications Division to fill the requirement for a Signal Officer assigned to the Mission to Germany. Choice of Mr. Balass was suggested by Mr. Crosby Lewis, Chief of the London Mission, during his recent visit in Washington.

2. Mr. Balass has been with the Communications Division of this organization for the past three years, serving as Radio Officer, Message Center Officer, Cryptographic Officer and Communications Security Officer. He is thoroughly trained in all aspects of communications, including both radio and signal center functions. During his tour of duty with the Army he attended three Army Service Schools where he was trained in radar, radio engineering and in all cryptographic aspects.

3. Mr. Balass will serve as the Communications Officer for the entire European Theater of Operations directly responsible to the Chief, Communications Division, SSV, Washington. Though his headquarters will be in the Mission to Germany, he will be responsible for signal center activities in London, Paris, Bern, Rome, Vienna, Prague, Berlin and Heidelberg and for such radio activities as may be planned by the missions to Germany and Austria. This Division feels that Mr. Balass is entirely competent to handle the proposed assignment and it is urged that immediate approval be secured for his transportation and assignment overseas.

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